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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

In re:

USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE  
COMPANY,

USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS,  
LLC,<sup>1</sup>

USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST  
DEED FUND, LLC,

USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED  
FUND, LLC,<sup>2</sup>

USA SECURITIES, LLC,<sup>3</sup> Debtors.

**Affects:**

- ☐ All Debtors  
☒ USA Commercial Mortgage Company  
☐ USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC  
☐ USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC  
☐ USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC  
☐ USA Securities, LLC

Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR  
Case No. BK-S-06-10726-LBR<sup>1</sup>  
Case No. BK-S-06-10727-LBR  
Case No. BK-S-06-10728-LBR<sup>2</sup>  
Case No. BK-S-06-10729-LBR<sup>3</sup>

**CHAPTER 11**

Jointly Administered Under Case No.  
BK-S-06-10725 LBR

**FIRST OMNIBUS OBJECTION OF  
USACM TRUST TO PROOFS OF  
CLAIM BASED UPON  
INVESTMENT IN COPPER SAGE  
COMMERCE CENTER, LLC LOAN  
EXCEPT FOR AMOUNTS  
DESIGNATED AS "UNREMITTED  
PRINCIPAL"; AND CERTIFICATE  
OF SERVICE**

Date of Hearing: April 30, 2009  
Time of Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

The USACM Liquidating Trust (the "USACM Trust") moves this Court, pursuant to § 502 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for an

<sup>1</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on September 23, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on October 12, 2007.

<sup>3</sup> This bankruptcy case was closed on December 26, 2007.

order disallowing Proofs of Claim filed by individual investors (“Direct Lenders”) against USA Commercial Mortgage Company (“USACM”) to the extent these claims are based upon an investment in the Copper Sage Commerce Center, LLC Loan (the “Copper Sage I Loan”) that has been repaid to the Direct Lenders. This Objection is supported by the Court’s record and the Declaration of Edward M. Burr in Support of Omnibus Objections to Proofs of Claim Based Upon the Investment in Copper Sage Commerce Center, LLC Loan filed with the Court today (the “Burr Decl.”).

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. On about June 22, 2006, the borrower paid off the Copper Sage I Loan in full. In turn, USACM distributed the proceeds from the Copper Sage I Loan to the Direct Lenders who invested in the Copper Sage I Loan. However, Mesirow Financial Interim Management, LLC (“Mesirow”) determined that some of the proceeds from the Copper Sage I Loan were diverted by USACM and thus never paid to the Direct Lenders (“Unremitted Principal”). Minus Unremitted Principal, the Direct Lenders were paid in full on the Copper Sage I Loan, subject to servicing fees and any other charges under their respective Loan Servicing Agreements and this Court’s orders, including the Confirmation Order.

2. To the extent the Direct Lenders were paid, there is no longer any basis for a Direct Lender claim against USACM based upon an investment in the Copper Sage I Loan and the USACM Trust objects to those amounts. As for Unremitted Principal, the USACM Trust asks that the Court allow those amounts as general unsecured claims. A break down of each Direct Lender’s claim on the Copper Sage I Loan, including the amount of Unremitted Principal to be allowed as a general unsecured claim, is listed in **Exhibit A**, attached.

**II. JURISDICTION**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over this Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157. Venue is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007.

2. The statutory predicate for the relief requested herein are 11 U.S.C. § 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007.

**III. BACKGROUND**

1. On April 13, 2006 (“Petition Date”), USACM, USA Securities, LLC (“USA Securities”), USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC (“USA Realty”), USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC (“DTDF”), USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC (“FTDF,” together with DTDF, the “Funds”) (collectively, the “Debtors”), filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Debtors continued to operate their businesses, if any, as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Debtors’ post-petition management of the Debtors was under the direction of Thomas J. Allison of Mesirow Financial Interim Management, LLC (“Mesirow”), who served as the Chief Restructuring Officer.

2. USACM is a Nevada corporation that, prior to the Petition Date, was in the business of underwriting, originating, brokering, funding and servicing commercial loans primarily secured by real estate, both on behalf of investors and for its own account.

3. That business included the solicitation of individual investors to purchase fractional interest in loans that USACM originated and then serviced. These investors, totaling approximately 3,600 as of the Petition Date, are referred to as “Direct Lenders” in USACM’s bankruptcy case and in this Objection.

4. Although USACM serviced and sometimes originated the loans in which the Direct Lenders invested, generally USACM was not a borrower on these loans.

1           5.       On September 14, 2006, the Court entered its Order Setting Deadline to File  
2 Proofs of Claim and Proofs of Interest [Docket No. 1280] (the “Bar Date Order”). The  
3 Bar Date Order established 5:00 p.m., prevailing Pacific Time, on November 13, 2006, as  
4 the deadline (“Bar Date”) for creditors to file proof of claims.

5           6.       On September 25, 2006, Debtors served a copy of the Bar Date Order on  
6 their service lists [Docket No. 1358]. All Creditors, including the Direct Lenders, were  
7 served with a copy of the Bar Date order as well [Docket No. 1358].

8           7.       On November 6, 2006, a stipulation was filed and an order entered extending  
9 the Bar Date for Direct Lenders only to file proofs of claim until January 13, 2007 [Docket  
10 No. 1729].

11           8.       On January 8, 2007, this Court entered its Order Confirming the “Debtors’  
12 Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization” as Modified Herein [Docket No.  
13 2376] (the “Confirmation Order”).

14           9.       Under the Plan, the USACM Trust is the successor to USACM with respect  
15 to standing to seek allowance and disallowance of Claims.

16           10.      Under the Plan, unsecured claims of Direct Lenders against USACM are  
17 classified in Class A-5. Allowed Unsecured Claims “shall receive a beneficial interest in  
18 the USACM Trust, and on account of their Allowed Claim may receive a Pro Rata Share  
19 of the assets of the USACM Trust after satisfaction of all Allowed unclassified Claims,  
20 Allowed Class A-1, A-2, and A-3 Claims, and all post-Effective Date fees, costs, and  
21 expenses of implementation of the USACM Plan for USACM and the USACM Trust.”

22           11.      The USACM Trust exists as of the Effective Date of the Plan, which was  
23 March 12, 2007. Geoffrey L. Berman is the Trustee.

24           12.      **Exhibit A** to this Objection lists Proofs of Claim filed by Direct Lenders that  
25 appear to be based entirely upon an investment in the Copper Sage I Loan. (Burr Decl.

26 ¶ 7.) For each claim listed, **Exhibit A** identifies the Proof of Claim number, the claimant,

1 the claimant's address, the total amount of the claim and the total amount of Unremitted  
2 Principal scheduled by Mesirow. The claims listed in **Exhibit A** are referred to hereafter  
3 as the Copper Sage I Claims. (Burr Decl. ¶ 7.)

4 13. The column listing "Unremitted Principal" on **Exhibit A** represents amounts  
5 determined by Mesirow to be General Unsecured Claims held against the USACM Estate  
6 as a result of USACM collecting principal from a Borrower under a loan, but not remitting  
7 such principal to the Direct Lender. (Burr Decl. ¶ 8.) Amounts designated as Unremitted  
8 Principal are documented in the Third Amendment to Bankruptcy Schedule F-1 of the  
9 Schedules and Statements filed on March 20, 2007. (Burr Decl. ¶ 8.)

10 14. On or about June 22, 2006, the Copper Sage I Loan was paid off in full by  
11 the borrower, as reflected in USACM's books and records. (Burr Decl. ¶ 9.) Shortly  
12 thereafter, USACM processed the payoff and distributed the proceeds to the Direct  
13 Lenders on the Copper Sage I Loan. (Burr Decl. ¶ 9.)

14 15. Minus Unremitted Principal, the Direct Lenders were in turn paid in full,  
15 subject to servicing fees and any other charges under their respective Loan Servicing  
16 Agreements and this Court's orders, including the Confirmation Order. In general, the  
17 Direct Lenders received their principal and interest on the Copper Sage I Loan, less  
18 Unremitted Principal and sums withheld for servicing fees, servicer advances, Prepaid  
19 Interest and sums known as the 2% Holdback pursuant to the Confirmed Plan. On the  
20 Effective Date of the Plan, the Prepaid Interest was applied, a portion of the 2% Holdback  
21 was applied to the allowed claims of the Direct Lender Committee, and the balance paid to  
22 the Direct Lenders. (Burr Decl. ¶ 10.)

23 16. Accordingly, the USACM Trust no longer has further obligations to the  
24 Direct Lenders arising out of the Copper Sage I Loan to the extent that loan has been  
25 repaid to the Direct Lenders, pursuant to USACM's books and records. (Burr Decl. ¶ 11.)  
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**IV. APPLICABLE AUTHORITY**

1. Under the Bankruptcy Code, any Claim for which a proof of claim has been filed will be allowed unless a party in interest objects. If a party in interest objects to the proof of claim, the Court, after notice and hearing, shall determine the amount of the Claim and shall allow the Claim except to the extent that the Claim is “unenforceable against the debtor . . . under any . . . applicable law for a reason other than because such claim is contingent or unmatured.” 11 U.S.C. § 502(b).

2. The USACM Trust is entitled to object to proofs of claim under 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). This objection is timely under the confirmed Plan, as the deadline for such objections has been extended to February 12, 2009, by this Court’s orders.

3. A properly filed proof of claim is presumed valid under Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f). However, once an objection to the proof of claim controverts the presumption, the creditor ultimately bears the burden of persuasion as to the validity and amount of the claim. *See Ashford v. Consolidated Pioneer Mortg. (In re Consolidated Pioneer Mortg.)*, 178 B.R. 222, 226 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995), *aff’d*, 91 F.3d 151 (9th Cir. 1996). The ultimate burden of proof as to the validity of a proof of claim “remains at all times upon the claimant.” *Lundell v. Anchor Constr. Specialists, Inc. (In re Lundell)*, 223 F.3d 1035, 1039 (9th Cir. 2000).

**V. OBJECTION TO CLAIMS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A; EXCEPT FOR UNREMITTED PRINCIPAL WHICH SHOULD BE ALLOWED AS A GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIM.**

1. **Exhibit A** attached and incorporated by this reference lists the Copper Sage I Claims. The USACM Trust objects to these claims to the extent they are based upon an investment in the Copper Sage I Loan that USACM repaid to the Direct Lenders. According to USACM’s books and records as reconstructed by Mesirow, the Copper Sage I Loan has been repaid in full, and the Direct Lenders have received such payment, except

1 for Unremitted Principal, as provided by the applicable Loan Servicing Agreement, this  
2 Court's orders and the Confirmation Order.

3 2. As for the amounts designated as Unremitted Principal on **Exhibit A**, the  
4 USACM Trust moves the Court to allow those amounts as general unsecured claims.

5 3. The USACM Trust reserves the right to further object to any and all Claims,  
6 whether or not the subject of this Objection, for allowance and/or distribution purposes on  
7 any other grounds. The USACM Trust further reserves the right to modify, supplement  
8 and/or amend this Objection as it pertains to any Claim or claimant herein.

9 **VI. CONCLUSION**

10 1. The USACM Trust respectfully requests that the Court allow the amounts  
11 listed as "Unremitted Principal" on **Exhibit A** as general unsecured claims, but disallow  
12 the remainder of the claim because it is based upon an investment that has been repaid in  
13 full. The USACM Trust also requests such other and further relief as is just and proper.

14 Dated: March 26, 2009.

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3 postage prepaid U.S. Mail on  
4 March 26, 2009 to:

5 All parties in interest listed on  
6 Exhibit A attached.

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